HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 294

By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Emma D. Rector Mayberry on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Emma D. Rector Mayberry will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 10, 2007, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, one of nine children born to Riley Dawson and Fannie Smith Rector, Emma Mayberry was born and raised in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 1925, Emma was joined in marriage with Norman Mayberry and the couple's blessed union produced twelve children, the late Harold Claude, who was married to the late Stella Maggie Talley; Laura Arlene, who was married to the late Thurston Ray Ward; Fannie Imogene, who married Asa Carl Dillon, Jr.; the late Dolphus Lee, who married Vada Lou Mallicoat; Barbara June, who was married to the late George Method; Mary Helen, who was married to the late Jack Allen Kemplen; Norma Leora, who was married to the late Ronald Jerry Eder; Wanda Carol, who married Merrill Brent Stamm; Arthur Douglas, who married Kim Dee Hull; Garry Dalton, who married Brenda Sue Boatman; Judith Faye, who married Bobby Dale Lee; and Dorothy Jane, who married Michael Glenn Knight; another child, Gerald Dean, passed away at the age of two; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mayberry is the proud grandmother of Glenda Faye Ward McManus; Michael Ray Ward, who married Tina Conti; James Douglas Dillon; Bobbi June Method Martin, who was married to the late Ricky Terry Martin; Martin Norman Method, who married Elva Lucia Cassillas; Harold Allen Kemplen, who married Rebecca Jo Wente; Melissa Ann Kemplen

Turner, who married Jeffrey David Turner; Tracy Lynn Kemplen Williamson, who was married to the late Michael Joseph Williamson; Carolyn Jean Eder; Gregory Lyle Stamm, who married Debbie Eugenia Trent Stamm; Tonya Sue Stamm Tarkany, who married Charles Ray Tarkany; Michelle Marie Mayberry; Arthur Douglas Mayberry, Jr., who was married to the late Bridget Lee Collins; Shawn Patrick Mayberry, who married Jamie Ann Welch; Angela Rechelle Mayberry; the late Amy Beth Lee; Brian Wayne Lee, who married Amanda Fleming; Mark Wayne Lee; Eric Michael Knight, who married Shirley Faye Nabors Knight; Kristi Leigh Knight Harris, who married Thomas Byron Harris; and the late Jacob Kyle Knight; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mayberry is the proud great-grandmother of Heather Lynn McManus;

A.J. Ward; Bradley Alan Method; Martin Michael Method; Maria June Method, who will be born this spring; Ashley Renee Turner Viers, who married Rusty William Viers; Amy Sue Turner; Emma Leigh Turner; Jennifer Lynn Williamson; Jacklyn Ann Richards; Jesse Blake Kemplen; Caleb Tanner Hodgson; Angela Joy Stamm; the late Emily Nicole Stamm; Jenna Renee Stamm; Jaron Michael Fraley; Jessica Lauren Fraley; Jakob Brent Fraley; Alexis Nacole Mayberry; Cody Marshall Mayberry; Brody Scott Mayberry; Amanda Elizabeth Arp; Jeffrey David Arp; Logan Tyler Harris; Chloe Grace Harris; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mayberry is the proud great-great-grandmother of one child, Ryan William David Viers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her noble calling as mother and homemaker, Emma Mayberry helped make ends meet by sewing and doing laundry, doing chores on the family farm, and canning vegetables and drying fruits while displaying her love of gardening; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry enjoyed almost forty-seven years of marriage before Mr. Mayberry's death in 1972; their home was always open to visitors and was a favorite of neighborhood children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mayberry has an inspiring positive outlook and loves life, enjoying visits from her loving family and devoted friends; and

WHEREAS, a devout Baptist, Mrs. Mayberry trusts God and believes in truth and kindness to all; and

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WHEREAS, Emma Mayberry is still active and creative; she loves to make beautiful quilts for those she loves, as health permits; over the years she has also donated some of her crafts to benefits and the community center to help others; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mrs. Emma D. Rector Mayberry on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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